

**RULES
OF
TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY
BOATING**

**CHAPTER 1660-2-1
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BOATING CERTIFICATES**

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1660-2-1-.01 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER.

- (1) All applications for a Certificate of Number shall include the following information and shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Wildlife Resources Agency.
 - (a) Name and address of owner;
 - (b) Citizenship of owner;
 - (c) Present number (if any) on vessel;
 - (d) Hull materials (wood, steel, aluminum, plastic, other);
 - (e) Type of propulsion (outboard, inboard, sail, other);
 - (f) Type of fuel (gas, diesel, other);
 - (g) Make, model and year built (if known);
 - (h) Length (in feet and inches);
 - (i) Type of use (pleasure, livery, dealer, manufacturer, commercial, other);
 - (j) A certification of ownership;
 - (k) Signature of owner.
 - (l) Date of birth of owner;
 - (m) State in which vessel is, or will be, used;
 - (n) Indicate whether the application is for a new number, renewal of a number, or transfer of ownership.
 - (o) Manufacturer's hull identification number (if any).
 - (p) Information certifying whether or not this vessel has an installed head and if so, that the marine sanitation device(s) on board is in compliance with the state marine sanitation law.
- (2) All requirements of paragraph (1) shall apply to livery (rentals) boats, except that a description of motor, if any, and type of fuel need not be completed on the application in every case where the engines is not rented as part of the boat.

(Rule 1660-2-1-.01, continued)

- (3) Paragraph (1) shall apply for dealers' or manufacturers' vessels except a description of the vessel shall not be required since the number issued may be transferred from one vessel to another. In lieu of the description, the word "manufacturer" or "dealer" as appropriate will be plainly indicated on the application.
 - (a) Application for a dealer or manufacturer certificate must be accompanied by a notarized copy (copies) of the dealer/manufacturer license to conduct such business and the sale tax number issued to said business.
 - (b) A dealer and manufacturer certificate is to be used for demonstration and or testing purposes and may be transferred from boat to boat. However, no certificate may be used to operate more than one boat at the same time and each boat operated simultaneously requires a separate certificate.
 1. Persons who wish to conduct an on-the-water dealer or manufacturer show may, through an approved application for a Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency marine permit, use a single dealer / manufacturer certificate of number, followed by a numerical suffix for each boat used: Example: (TN 1234 AA – 1, TN 1234 AA – 2, etc.)
 2. The number of boats to utilize this format must be listed on the marine event application and the appropriate fee for each vessel must be remitted to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
 - (c) If a registration card or a decal(s) is lost or destroyed, a duplicate registration may be obtained. The following must be submitted for replacement.
 1. An application for boat certificate.
 2. A notarized affidavit, signed by the dealer or manufacturer, stating the card or decal was lost or destroyed.
 3. The appropriate fee.
 - (d) Duplicate registration cards cannot be ordered in multiples in conjunction with replacement or with the original application.
- (4) Application for a duplicate certificate of Number containing the information as required by paragraph (1) of these regulations shall be made if the Certificate of Number is lost or destroyed. Such an application shall be made within fifteen (15) days of loss or destruction.
- (5) The application for number by a new owner of a vessel bearing a Tennessee number shall, for purpose of fee, be regarded as an original application for number and the number issued shall be identical to the previous one, except where a lien holder requires title or lawful possession by virtue of his lien, in which case a new number shall be issued.
- (6) Applications for a consignment vessel, certificate of number, shall adhere to the following guidelines:
 - (a) A consignment vessel is one which is owned by a vessel manufacturer, and is consigned to an individual or other entity for a period of time for demonstration or advertising use, and for which no sale has occurred.

(Rule 1660-2-1-.01, continued)

- (b) A consignment vessel certificate of number may only be issued to a vessel manufacturer, whose manufacturing facility is located in Tennessee, and who has obtained a Manufacturer Identification Code issued by the United States Coast Guard.
- (c) Applications for consignment vessels shall be made using the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency "application for boat certificate of number" (WR0292), and include all applicable information outlined in 1660-2-1-.02 (Issuance of Certificate of Number).
- (d) Applications must be accompanied by proof of manufacturer's status which shall include at least the company name, Manufacturer Identification Code, location of the company office, and United States tax identification number or tax number issued by the Tennessee Department of Revenue.
- (e) The application fee shall be the same as any other vessel of the same length.
- (f) Applications for consignment vessels may be made only with the Nashville office of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
- (g) The certificate of number shall be issued in the name of the manufacturer's business name.
- (h) If the vessel is sold at the end of the consignment period, it must be sold as a used vessel.
- (i) The vessel number will remain unchanged at the time of sale unless the state of principal use changes or as outlined in 1660-2-1-.01(5), 1660-2-1-.02(8) or 1660-2-1-.02(9).

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1660-2-1-.02 ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER.

- (1) All Certificates of number issued by the Wildlife Resources Agency shall be pocketsize, water resistant and available for examination on the vessel for which issued whenever the vessel is in use, and shall contain the following information:
 - (a) Name and address of owner;
 - (b) Number issued;
 - (c) Expiration date;
 - (d) Make and model or type of boat;
 - (e) Hull material (wood, steel, aluminum, plastic, other);
 - (f) Length of vessel (in feet and inches;
 - (g) Propulsion (inboard, outboard, sail, other);
 - (h) Type of fuel (gas, diesel, other);
 - (i) Statement as to use (pleasure, dealer, manufacturer, commercial, other);

(Rule 1660-2-1-.02, continued)

- (j) State of principal use;
 - (k) Manufacturer's hull identification number (if any);
 - (l) Year vessel was manufactured.
- (2) Certificates of Number issued to livery motorboats need not include the type of fuel or method propulsion if the motor is not rented as part of the boat, but shall be plainly marked with the word "LIVERY".
- (3) The Certificate of Number for vessels less than 26' in length and leased or rented to another for the latter's non-commercial use of less than twenty-four (24) hours may be retained on shore by the vessel's owner or his representative at the place from which the vessel departs or returns to the possession of the owner or his representative; provided, however, the operator shall have with him a copy of the lease or rental agreement signed by the owner or his authorized representative and by the person leasing or renting the vessel that contains the vessel's number than appears on the Certificate of Number and the period of time for which the vessel is leased or rented.
- (4) Certificates of Number issued for a dealers' or manufacturers' vessel shall, in lieu of the description of the vessel, be plainly marked with the words 'MANUFACTURER' or "DEALER' as appropriate.
- (5) Certificates of Number issued are valid for a period of three (3) years from date of issuance unless sooner cancelled. Certain causes for cancellation of certificates and voiding of numbers are:
 - (a) Surrender of certificate for cancellation;
 - (b) Issuance of a new number for the same vessel;
 - (c) Issuance of a marine document by the U. S. Bureau of Customs for the same vessel;
 - (d) False or fraudulent certification in an application for number.
- (6) When an owner of a vessel numbered by Tennessee changes his address from that shown on the Certificate of Number, he shall notify in writing the Executive Director, Wildlife Resources Agency, Nashville, Tennessee, of his new address within fifteen (15) days from such change.
- (7) When a vessel numbered by Tennessee is lost, stolen and/or recovered, destroyed, abandoned or transferred to another person, the Certificate of Number issued for the vessel shall be surrendered together with written notification of the change in status of the vessel to the Executive Director, within fifteen (15) days from such event. If the change in status is transfer of ownership, the name and address of the new owner shall be included in such notification.
- (8) The owner of a vessel must remove the number when the vessel is documented by the bureau of customs of the United States, the Certificate of Number becomes invalid, or the vessel is not longer principally used in Tennessee.
- (9) The certificate of number is invalid if the person whose name appears on the certificate loses his interest by legal process.

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1660-2-1-.03 FEES FOR VESSEL REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER.

The fee to be collected for issuance of a vessel certificate of number or registration shall be as follows:

Vessel Fee Category	1 year	2 years	3 years
16 feet and under	\$13	\$24	\$35
Over 16 feet to less than 26 feet	25	48	71
26 feet to less than 40 feet	38	72	107
40 feet and over	51	97	142
Dealer / Manufacturer	32	64	95
Duplicate	6		
Consignment:			
16 feet and under	13	24	35
Over 16 feet to less than 26 feet	25	48	71
26 feet to less than 40 feet	38	72	107
40 feet and over	51	97	142

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